

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The below listing of claims, which amends claims 1, 12, 14 and 27, replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A computer system useful for evaluating trading interests and selectively creating tradable orders corresponding to one or more offerings of the trading interests, the system comprising:

a buyer terminal having an output device and an input device;

at least one computer coupled to the buyer terminal; and

a data store coupled to the at least one computer and including offerings of a plurality of trading parties;

the at least one computer including programming that causes the at least one computer to:

~~first programming that causes the at least one computer to~~
identify, from the data store, one or more offerings of the
plurality of trading parties responsive to one or more
investment criteria entered via the input device and to provide
to the output device information related to the one or more
identified offerings responsive to the investment criteria of all
trading parties, the output device displaying the provided
information, and

~~second programming that causes the at least one computer to~~
accept selection, via the input device, of information displayed
on the output device; ~~and to~~

create a tradable order corresponding to one of the offerings
that is related to the selected information; and

in response to input provided via the input device, transmit the tradable order for execution.

2. (previously presented) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one computer provides to the output device a presentation, in an integrated fashion, of information related to identified offerings of at least two of the plurality of trading parties.
3. (previously presented) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one computer provides to the output device a presentation of information related to identified offerings in a summary view.
4. (previously presented) The computer system as set forth in claim 3, wherein, responsive to a selection entered via said input device identifying a trading party presented in the summary view, the at least one computer provides a listing of all offerings from the data store of the one selected trading party for presentation on the output device.
5. (previously presented) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the investment criteria include one or more buyer-defined values for terms of the offerings.
6. (previously presented) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the investment criteria include one or more buyer-defined values for at least one of maturity, size, yield, credit ratings and trading party of the offerings.
7. (previously presented) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the investment criteria include one or more parameters that specify an order for presenting offerings information retrieved from the data store.
8. (previously presented) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the computer system includes memory for storing the investment criteria, the at least one computer upon command selectively identifying the offerings in the data store based on investment criteria stored in the memory.
9. (previously presented) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one computer comprises programming for selectively granting buyers authority to view offerings

of the trading parties, and for selectively preventing retrieval and display of offerings to unauthorized buyers.

10. (previously presented) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one computer comprises programming for selectively granting buyers authority to execute offerings of dealers.

11. (previously presented) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one computer comprises programming for selectively limiting access to offerings of predetermined ones of the plurality of trading parties.

12. (currently amended) In a computer system for trading interests that includes one or more offerings of the trading interests including a plurality of buyer terminals having an output device and an input device, and at least one central computer linked to the buyer terminals by a communication system, an improvement comprising:

a data store, coupled to the at least one central computer, including offerings of a plurality of trading parties;

the central computer including programming that causes the at least one central computer to:

~~first programming that causes the at least one central computer~~
~~to~~ identify, from the data store, one or more offerings of a plurality of trading parties responsive to at least one investment criterion entered via an input device of a buyer terminal, the at least one central computer transmitting to the buyer terminal information related to the one or more identified offerings of each trading party having an offering responsive to the at least one investment criterion, the output device associated with the buyer terminal displaying the provided information, and

~~second programming that causes the at least one central computer to~~ accept selection, via the input device associated

with the buyer terminal, of information displayed on the output device associated with the buyer terminal; ~~and to~~

create a tradable order corresponding to one of the offerings that is related to the selected information; and

5 in response to input provided via the input device, transmit the tradable order for execution.

13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) A method for evaluating trading interests and selectively creating tradable orders corresponding to one or more offerings of the trading interests, the method
10 comprising:

entering at least one investment criterion into a computer system in which are stored trading interests of a plurality of parties;

retrieving information relating to offerings of the interests from a plurality of trading parties responsive to the at least one investment criterion;

15 presenting, in an integrated fashion, the retrieved offerings information of the plurality of trading parties;

selecting one of the offerings by selecting presented information related to the offering; ~~and~~

20 automatically creating a tradable order corresponding to the selected offering; and

causing the computer system to transmit the tradable order for execution, in response to input provided via an input device.

15. (cancelled)

16. (previously presented) The method as set forth in claim 14, comprising sorting the retrieved offerings information in accordance with sorting information included within the investment criteria, wherein the step of presenting includes presenting the retrieved offerings information in the sorting information.
- 5 17. (original) The method as set forth in claim 14, comprising storing entered investment criteria and upon request, retrieving the stored investment criteria and applying the retrieved investment criteria to again retrieve offerings of the plurality of dealers.
18. (previously presented) The method as set forth in claim 14, comprising a trading party granting authority to a buyer to view offerings information of the trading party and preventing
10 retrieval and display of offerings information of the trading party to unauthorized buyers.
19. (previously presented) The method as set forth in claim 14, in combination with a method for trading offerings, comprising the step of a trading party granting authority to a buyer to execute offerings of that trading party.
20. (previously presented) The method as set forth in claim 14, comprising the step of a
15 buyer limiting that buyer's access to offerings of predetermined ones of the plurality of trading parties.
21. (cancelled)
22. (cancelled)
23. (cancelled)
- 20 24. (cancelled)
25. (cancelled)
26. (cancelled)
27. (currently amended) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the at least one computer includes ~~third~~ programming that causes the tradable order to be forwarded to a trading system for
25 execution.